

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-100 (canceled).

Claim 101 (previously presented). A gaming method comprising:
displaying symbols on an array of image sites in a primary game;
determining whether one of a plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present along at least one payline within said array;
determining whether one of a trigger symbol and a triggering combination of symbols is present along said at least one payline;
providing one of a bonus event and an option of initiating a bonus event if one of said trigger symbol and said triggering combination of symbols is present along said at least one payline;
determining whether said trigger symbol is present at a trigger site of said array, said trigger site being one of any of said image sites of said array; and
providing one of an additional bonus event and an option of initiating an additional bonus event if said trigger symbol is present at said trigger site.

Claim 102 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 101, further comprising allowing a player to select one or more paylines on the array of image sites and allowing the player to indicate that the selection of one or more paylines is complete, prior to displaying the symbols on the array of image sites.

Claim 103 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 101, further comprising allowing a player to select said trigger symbol prior to displaying the symbols on the array of image sites.

Claim 104 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 101, further comprising allowing ~~the~~ a player to select said trigger site prior to displaying the symbols on the array of image sites.

Claim 105 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 101, wherein said providing said bonus event comprises:

displaying symbols on image sites of a bonus payline; and
determining whether one of a plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present along said bonus payline.

Claim 106 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 105, wherein said assigning displaying symbols to on image sites along of said bonus payline comprises:
displaying symbols identical to said symbols displayed on ~~the~~ at least one selected payline on said image sites along said bonus payline;
permitting a player to select at least one image site along the bonus payline at which a symbol displayed in the at least one image site is to be retained; and
replacing said symbol at each unselected image site along the bonus payline with another symbol.

Claim 107 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 105, wherein said assigning displaying symbols to on image sites along of said bonus payline comprises:

assigning displaying symbols identical to said symbols displayed on at least one selected payline on said image sites along said bonus payline from the at least one selected payline to said image sites along said bonus payline;

retaining said trigger symbol along the bonus payline; and
replacing the symbols at the image sites along the bonus payline, except for the trigger symbol, with other symbols.

Claim 108 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 101, wherein said symbols displayed on said array of image sites include symbols representing cards from a deck of cards.

Claim 109 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 108, further comprising, after displaying the symbols on the array of image sites, providing a player an opportunity to designate one or more image sites along said at least one payline at which the symbol is to be replaced, and replacing the symbol at each of said designated one or more image sites with another symbol representing an undealt card from said deck of cards.

Claim 110 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 101, wherein said determining whether one of said plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present comprises determining whether at least one specific poker combination is present along said at least one payline.

Claim 111 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 101, wherein said symbols displayed on said array of image sites include reel type slot machine symbols.

Claim 112 (currently amended). A gaming method, comprising:

displaying symbols on an array of image sites;

determining whether one of a plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present in at least one selected payline within said array;

determining whether a first triggering event is present in said at least one selected payline within said array; and

determining whether a second triggering event is present at a trigger site of said array, said trigger second triggering event being one of any of said image sites of said array.

Claim 113 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 112, wherein said displaying symbols comprises randomly assigning symbols each representing a card from a deck of cards to said array of image sites.

Claim 114 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 113, further comprising replacing at least one displayed symbol with another symbol representing an undealt card from said deck.

Claim 115 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 112, wherein said determining whether one of said plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present comprises determining whether at least one specific poker combination is present along said at least one selected payline within said array.

Claim 116 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 112, wherein said determining whether said first triggering event is present comprises determining whether a trigger symbol is present along said at least one selected payline.

Claim 117 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 112, wherein said determining whether said first triggering event is present comprises determining whether a triggering combination of symbols is present along said at least one selected payline.

Claim 118 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 112, wherein said determining whether said second triggering event is present comprises determining whether a trigger symbol is present at said trigger site.

Claim 119 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 118, further comprising initiating a bonus event if said second triggering event occurs.

Claim 120 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 119, wherein said initiating said bonus event comprises increasing an award if one of said plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present along said at least one selected payline.

Claim 121 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 118, wherein said displaying symbols on said array of image sites includes displaying symbols selected from a set of symbols, and further comprising displaying symbols in said bonus event, wherein said symbols displayed during the bonus event are also selected from said set of symbols.

Claim 122 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 112, wherein said determining whether one of said plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present comprises determining whether one of said plurality of winning combinations of symbols is present along said at least one payline selected in response to placement of a wager thereon.

Claim 123 (currently amended). A gaming method, comprising:

providing a primary game including a player selecting at least one payline from a plurality of available paylines within an array of image sites;

displaying symbols on said array of image sites;

evaluating each selected payline to determine whether at least one winning combination of symbols is present thereon;

providing an award to the player if at least one winning combination is present on one or more of said selected paylines;

determining whether a trigger event has occurred along any of said selected paylines;

providing a bonus game ~~on a bonus payline~~ if said trigger event has occurred on at least one of said selected paylines, said providing said bonus game including

generating a bonus payline corresponding to each of said selected paylines on which said trigger event has occurred by replicating the images of each of said selected paylines on which said trigger event has occurred, replacing a symbol at at least one image site of said at least one of said selected bonus paylines with a symbol generated from a group of symbols including a plurality of symbols different from said symbols displayed on the array of image sites and a plurality of symbols identical to said symbols displayed on the array of image sites;

determining whether at least one winning combination of symbols is present along said at least one bonus payline; and

providing a bonus award to the player if at least one winning combination is present along said at least one bonus payline.

Claim 124 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 123, wherein said providing said primary game comprises providing a stud poker game.

Claim 125 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 124, wherein said determining whether said trigger event has occurred along any of said selected paylines comprises evaluating each selected payline to determine whether a trigger card is present therealong.

Claim 126 (previously presented). The gaming method of claim 125, wherein said evaluating each selected payline to determine whether a trigger card is present therealong comprises evaluating each selected payline to determine whether an "Ace of Spades" symbol appears therealong.

Claim 127 (currently amended). The gaming method of claim 123, wherein said providing said bonus game comprises providing a draw poker game and wherein said replacing a symbol at at least one image site of said at least one of said selected bonus paylines with a symbol generated from a group of symbols including a plurality of symbols different from said symbols displayed on the array of image sites and a plurality of symbols identical to said symbols displayed on the array of image sites comprises replacing the symbol with a symbol generated from a group of symbols corresponding to a fresh deck of cards.